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### GRMN 301.R01: Studies in German Literature

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**Fall Semester 2020**  
**GRMN 301**  
**Studies in German Language, Media, and Culture I**

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**Class Meeting Zoom Sessions during Fall semester:**

August 19-November 18: Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
from 10:00 am – 10:50 am:

- <https://umontana.zoom.us/j/92493634445?pwd=Mm43WTJKZkt3T2toUWNwaFpGRUkvZz09>
- Meeting ID: 924 9363 4445
- Passcode: Check on the 301 moodle shell

**Course Description:**

Welcome to German 301. Willkommen zu 301! This course is intended for students who are interested in expanding their **listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills in German toward the advanced intermediate level**, and offers a special focus on speaking and writing. To take this course it is recommended that you have experience with the German language equivalent to four semesters of college-level German (i.e. German 202 at UM), or that your departmental placement exam score suggests you are appropriately placed in the course, or that you have consulted your instructor. The course will be taught primarily in German.

This course emphasizes **advanced development** of the **four linguistic skills in German**: oral and written expression, listening comprehension and reading. In this class we will study the first 4 chapters from the textbook and rely on various formats. All material is designed to foster active participation of all students. The (e)textbook and (e)workbook present linguistic and cultural information in a variety of ways adequate to further students at this particular level. The course offers a multi-medial and cross-cultural perspective to German-language countries and cultures.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Acquire and use of vocabulary according to themes covered in the course and ability to develop independent vocabulary-building skills based on familiarity and use of terms and patterns highlighted during the semester.
- Recognize textual and stylistic forms and strategies in German, including literary styles and methods of narration, demonstration, and reporting.
- Apply correct written and spoken German toward the advanced intermediate level through exercise work, reports, and compositions.
- Apply new skills to communicate information, opinions and personal experiences to navigate aspects of everyday life in target language.
- Acquire ability to speak about topics covered in class as well as about your own life and interests to others in class, and with your instructor using forms and terms at the advanced intermediate level of German.
- Place material covered and discussed in class into broader contexts of learning about the German-speaking countries and cultures, global relevance, and personal experience in both speaking and writing.

### Texts:

- **eTEXTBOOK:** *Anders gedacht: Text and Context in the German-Speaking World. Third Edition.* Motyl-Mudretzkyj/Späinghaus. Boston: Heinle/Cengage Learning, 2014. 3rd Edition.
- **eWORKBOOK:** *Übungsbuch: Anders gedacht*
- Cengage ebook via the UM bookstore: <https://montanabookstore.bncollege.com/shop/montana-bookstore/page/find-textbooks>
- UM Bookstore link
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- <https://www.cengage.com/c/anders-gedacht-text-and-context-in-the-german-speaking-world-3e-motyl-mudretzkyj/9781133607304PF/>

**Recommended text:** A paper copy of a very good bilingual dictionary (Langenscheidt's New College Dictionary) or equivalent bilingual dictionaries online

### Expectations:

Students will be expected to keep current with reading and writing assignments (posted on Moodle), and to devote time outside of class to practice, in order to enable a challenging level of class discussion. As an option for the written assignments, two of the four essay assignments (#1 and #3) may be corrected, revised, and turned in again for an improvement and advancement of the student's writing skills and grade in

German. **We will also have starting in September a weekly short oral presentation every Wednesday in German on a current news item from German media, which each student chooses and presents once (Sept 2- Nov. 4).**

It is expected that all students will be in (zoom) attendance M/W/F. Since the course is intended to be largely participatory, such **attendance will be required**. Except under unusual circumstances, if a student misses more than 3 unexcused class sessions during the semester, *the final grade will be lowered by half a grade*: A- becomes B+. Likewise, if a student misses more than 5 unexcused class sessions during the semester, *the final grade will be lowered one whole grade*: A becomes B, B becomes C, etc. Excusable absences include: documented illness, family emergencies, attendance in university-sponsored or required events, religious observation, among others, which you may consult about with your instructor. Due to Covid-19 changes might occur, and therefore good communication between students and faculty is of utmost importance. Please keep your instructor informed of any changes. Also, please check your UM email and the Moodle page regularly/daily, in case dates change for readings and assignments. It is also expected that all students will complete assigned work (both oral and written) as requested and be prepared for each class session.

#### **Grading:**

<b><u>Final Grade Breakdown</u></b>	<b><u>Points of Grade</u></b>
Attendance	100 points / 10%
Oral participation	150 points / 15%
Homework assignments (4 x 10)	40 points / 4 %
One small oral presentation (news item)	40 points / 4 %
Midterm	100 points / 10%
4 Essays (4 x 80)	320 points / 32%
1 Oral interview assessment	100 points / 10%
<b>1 Final (150)</b>	<b>150 / 15 %</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1000 points</b>

#### **Electronic Devices (Cell Phones, Laptops, Music Players, etc.)**

If you bring a cell phone to class, please set it either on vibrate or mute. [Unless specified for a class activity, personal computers, music players, and messaging devices are not to be used in class].

#### **Students with Disabilities**

This course offers equal opportunity in education for all participants, including those with documented physical and documented learning disabilities. For information regarding documentation of disabilities, approaching your instructor with pertinent information, and establishing guidelines for potential accommodation, you may consult

the [Disability Services for Students \(DSS\) website](http://life.umt.edu/dss) at <http://life.umt.edu/dss>. The DSS Office is located in Lommasson 154; the phone number is 243-2243.

### **Plagiarism and Academic Honesty**

Please refer to the Student Conduct Code of the University as it pertains to your responsibility to hand in work and/or perform activities assigned to be your own as indeed representing your own efforts and research. The [Student Conduct Code](http://www.umt.edu/SA/vpsa/index.cfm/page/2585) is available for review online at: <http://www.umt.edu/SA/vpsa/index.cfm/page/2585>

### **German 301                      tentativer Zeitplan / important tentative fall schedule dates**

<b>September:</b>	Montag, 7.9.	Labor Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
	Montag, 14.9.	<b>1. Aufsatz / Written Composition due *option of correction &amp; revision</b>
<b>Oktober:</b>	Montag, 5.10.	<b>2. Aufsatz / Written Composition due</b>
	Montag, 19.10.	<b>Midterm</b>
	Montag, 26.10.	<b>3. Aufsatz / Written Composition due *option of correction &amp; revision</b>
<b>November:</b>	Mittwoch, 11.11.	Veterans Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
	Montag, 16. 11.	<b>4. Aufsatz / Written Composition due</b>
	Montag - Freitag 2.11. – 13.11.	(2-week period) Individual <b>Oral interviews</b> during scheduled appointments
	<b>Final: Donnerstag:</b>	<b>19. November 8:00 am – 10:00am</b>
<b>End of Semester - Thanksgiving</b>		

Schöne Feiertage und Ferien und alles Gute für die Winterpause!

Bleibt gesund!